

News Release

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Derrald Farnsworth-Livingston “Journey of Light” Exhibit on display at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge

Missouri Valley, Iowa - The nature photography of Derrald Farnsworth (<http://www.journeyoflight.com>) will be exhibited at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge visitor center through July 14, 2012. The refuge re-opened to the public after flood damage was repaired in January 2012; the visitor center features wildlife viewing opportunities, an environmental education bookstore and historic, wildlife and art exhibits.

An award-winning photographer, Derrald grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. He started photographing at a young age. While pursuing a Computer Science degree at Creighton University Derrald studied numerous photography courses and after college continued on to learn and develop his own technique and style of photography. He settled on nature and scenic photography as his primary subjects. Later, with the advent of the digital camera, he was drawn to the ability to combine his technological background with his art.

Derrald states that “Nature is infinitely dynamic and constantly awe inspiring. Photography allows me to experience a connection to nature that cannot be replicated in any other way. Through this connection I feel I see the world differently. From a towering mountain to a simple pine cone, I explore both the large landscape and the small intimate details. My images are the windows through which I share my experience with nature”.

Although he has travelled to many locations to find the perfect balance of subject and light, some of Derrald’s favorite images were created within miles of his home. He continues to live and work in Omaha with his family.

An entrance permit is required for all vehicles. The daily entrance fee for private vehicles is \$3.00. Permits may be obtained at the pay stations near the entrances or at the Visitor Center. The charge for commercial vans and buses is \$20, or \$30 if 21 or more people are aboard. Annual permits, including the \$15 DeSoto Refuge Pass, can be obtained at the visitor center.

DeSoto & Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges are located north of Omaha, Nebraska along on U.S. Highway 30 between Missouri Valley, Iowa and along U.S. Highway 75 near Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska. For more information contact 712/388-4800 or email the refuge at desoto@fws.gov. Check our websites, www.fws.gov/midwest/desoto/ or www.fws.gov/midwest/boyerchute/, for refuge updates. Like us on Facebook - search for DeSoto and Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuges.

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